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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Before claim 1, change ~~CLAIMS:~~ to I CLAIM:

Cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and substitute new claims 6-14 therefor:

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

6. (new) Circlip pliers (1) comprising:
two pliers limbs, which are formed for gripping, and two pliers tips extending from respective ones of the limbs, and insertion tips for introduction into actuating eyelets of a circlip being provided on the pliers tips; wherein each of the insertion tips has a planar end face, and wherein the end faces of the insertion tips form in an unactuated state of the pliers an acute angle (γ) with a perpendicular (z-z) to a longitudinal axis (x-x) of an insertion tip, and wherein further an angle (γ) is sloping down toward a longitudinal center axis (A-A) of the pliers.

7. (new) Circlip pliers according to claim 6, wherein the angle (γ) of the insertion tips is in the range from 3° to 7°.

8. (new) Circlip pliers according to claim 6, wherein the insertion tips are routed in a planar contact surface and that the contact surface forms an acute angle

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(β) with a perpendicular (y-y) to a longitudinal axis (x-x) of an insertion tip.

9. (new) Circlip pliers according to claim 8, wherein the angle (β) is in the range of 6° to 10° .

10. (new) Circlip pliers according to claim 6, wherein the plier tips are to spread to lift out a circlip.

11. (new) Circlip pliers according to claim 6, wherein in the unactuated state of the pliers the end faces of the two insertion tips form an obtuse angle with one another.

12. (new) Circlip pliers according to claim 8, wherein the planar contact surfaces of the pliers tips form in the unactuated state of the pliers an obtuse angle (w).

13. (new) Circlip pliers according to claim 6, wherein the insertion tips have a roughness-increasing coating.

14. (new) Circlip pliers according to claim 13, wherein the coating is a diamond coating.